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Wm Lloyd Garrison Esq

Dear Sir,

As you were  
a goadjutor of my Venerated Father, Rev<sup>d</sup>  
George Bourne, when alive; and his  
companion in many a hard fought  
battle in behalf of Liberty, I write to  
you for the purpose of ascertaining  
one or two points upon which you  
can throw light.

I have a work called "Slavery Illustrated  
in its effects upon Woman" which  
my memory, although but a boy at the  
time of its appearance, tells me was  
by my Father. Its vigorous tone and  
strong logic bears his stamp, but his  
name is not given in the title page.

It bears the publication imprint of

Isaac Knapp  
25 Cornhill

1837



The preface about ecclesiastical men-  
stealers and Doctors of Divinity &c &c shows  
his style; and the author must be  
the same as that of "Bourne's Picture  
of Slavery". But you will know, no doubt,  
and can assure me of my conjectures. Isaac  
Knapp did publish for him about that time.  
It is so far ahead of "Whipple's tract",  
in every point, that I wish to see it re-  
published, it will do great good just  
now.

Another point is Do you know whether  
a portrait of my Father hangs in any  
Anti-slavery Office or public place in  
New England. There was one painted  
for that purpose, and supposed now  
to be in Boston. A colored man was the  
painter. We revere his memory, and  
would like to know where his portrait  
can be found.

I Enclose a copy of the Constitution  
of the "African Civilization Society" an  
Anti-slavery association formed to



promote the growth of Cotton, Coffee,  
Sugar, rice &c by free labor. After  
a thorough research, we came to the  
conclusion that for the double purpose  
of suppressing the slave trade, and  
competing with the South for the English  
market, &c. the Country called Yoruba,  
in Central Africa, west<sup>or</sup> and about  
the Niger, was the best. It is dry  
healthy, fertile, and accessible —  
Cotton grows there of various qualities up  
to that of Sea Island, and British  
capital is now largely employed in its  
cultivation. I refer you to a pamphlet sent  
herewith on "Cotton in Africa", and also to  
Livingston, Barth, and especially Boveris  
Central Africa. We think we will com-  
pete the lordly Southrons to set their  
slaves free, by depreciating their value,  
when we diminish their sales of Cotton to  
England. Already Duff Green & Co. are danger-  
ous from this source, vide page 47. Coates' pamphlet.  
Dr Cheever thinks this will be a mighty



agency  
operating on the only tender point they have  
is the purse, see Independent of Nov 24.  
As the enemy have materially changed their  
tactics of late we think we will give them some-  
thing serious to think of soon, by way of improv-  
enished coffers, perhaps they will listen to this  
argument when others fail. There are so many  
colored people without work, of the right kind,  
that can easily be spared, we have thought it  
would be a wise thing to try this mode of Anti-  
Slavery. It will elevate the workers, destroy the  
Slave Trade, and eventually change the relation  
of Cotton to slavery, beside introducing pure  
Christianity into Africa.

If you can afford to present a copy  
of your paper to this new Society, it  
will be received as a favor, and when  
fully under way, we will subscribe. Trusting  
that all attempts to undermine Slavery from  
whatever source will be welcomed by all lovers of  
true freedom. I remain, yours faithfully,  
for the Truth,  
Theodore Bourne  
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